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Applicant: Norihiro NISHIMOTO et al.
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This amendment and reply is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and the required fees, and fulfills the requirement for a "submission" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicant petitions for a three month extension of time and transmits herewith the required fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.

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